

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A controller compatible with a cell phone and an audio source, the
2 controller comprising:
3 a controller housing;
4 at least one earphone adapted to be coupled to the controller;
5 an audio source cable adapted to be coupled to the controller and adapted
6 to be coupled to the audio source;
7 a cell phone cable adapted to be coupled to the controller and adapted to be
8 coupled to the cell phone; and
9 a switching means within said controller housing, said switching means
10 having at least a first position and a second position, wherein said cell phone is
11 disconnected and said audio source is enabled when said switching means is in said first
12 position, and wherein said cell phone is connected and said audio source is disabled when
13 said switching means is in said second position, wherein an audio signal from said audio
14 source when said audio source is enabled is un-muted and coupled to said at least one
15 earphone.

1 2. The controller of claim 1, wherein said audio signal from said
2 audio source is muted when said switching means is in said second position.

1 3. The controller of claim 1, wherein said audio signal from said
2 audio source is disconnected from said at least one earphone when said switching means
3 is in said second position.

1 4. The controller of claim 1, wherein said switching means has a third
2 position, wherein said cell phone is connected and said audio source is enabled when said
3 switching means is in said third position.

1 5. The controller of claim 1, wherein said at least one earphone is
2 comprised of a pair of earphones.

1 6. The controller of claim 1, wherein said at least one earphone is
2 selected from the group consisting of in-the-ear earphones and outside-the-ear earphones.

1 7. The controller of claim 1, further comprising a microphone
2 mounted to said housing, said microphone coupled to said cell phone via said cell phone
3 cable.

1 8. The controller of claim 7, further comprising a switch interposed
2 between said microphone and said cell phone, wherein said switch has a first position in
3 which said microphone is coupled to said cell phone and a second position in which said
4 microphone is not coupled to said cell phone.

1 9. The controller of claim 1, further comprising a volume controller.

1 10. The controller of claim 9, wherein said volume controller is
2 interposed between said audio source and said at least one earphone.

1 11. The controller of claim 9, wherein said volume controller is
2 interposed between said cell phone and said at least one earphone.

1 12. The controller of claim 1, wherein said at least one earphone is
2 coupled to the controller housing via an earphone jack and an earphone jack input.

1 13. The controller of claim 1, wherein said audio source cable is
2 coupled to the controller housing via an audio source jack and an audio source jack input.

1 14. The controller of claim 1, wherein said cell phone cable is coupled
2 to the controller housing via a cell phone jack and a cell phone jack input.

1 15. A controller compatible with a cell phone and an audio source, the
2 controller comprising:

3 a controller housing;

4 at least one earphone adapted to be coupled to the controller;

5 an audio source cable adapted to be coupled to the controller and adapted
6 to be coupled to the audio source;

7 a cell phone cable adapted to be coupled to the controller and adapted to be
8 coupled to the cell phone; and

9 a control switch within said controller housing and having a first position
10 and a second position, wherein said control switch in said first position causes a cell

11 phone switch to be in a first position and an audio source switch to be in a first position, ,
12 wherein said control switch in said second position causes said cell phone switch to be in
13 a second position and said audio source switch to be in a second position, wherein said
14 cell phone switch in said first position connects said cell phone and said cell phone switch
15 in said second position disconnects said cell phone, and wherein said audio source switch
16 in said first position disables said audio source and said audio source switch in said
17 second position enables said audio source, wherein an audio signal from said audio source
18 when said audio source is enabled is un-muted and coupled to said at least one earphone.

1 16. The controller of claim 15, wherein said audio signal from said
2 audio source is muted when said audio source switch is in said first position.

1 17. The controller of claim 15, wherein said audio signal from said
2 audio source is disconnected from said at least one earphone when said audio source
3 switch is in said first position.

1 18. The controller of claim 15, further comprising a microphone
2 mounted to said housing, said microphone coupled to said cell phone via said cell phone
3 cable.

1 19. The controller of claim 18, further comprising a microphone switch
2 interposed between said microphone and said cell phone, wherein said microphone switch
3 has a first position in which said microphone is coupled to said cell phone and a second
4 position in which said microphone is not coupled to said cell phone.

1 20. The controller of claim 15, further comprising a volume controller
2 interposed between said audio source and said at least one earphone.

1 21. The controller of claim 15, further comprising a volume controller
2 interposed between said cell phone and said at least one earphone.